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Recent public statements by Cuban officials, particularly during December and January, have emphasized ~~the~~ the important role the Castro regime intends to play in the ~~Marxist-Leninist~~ "anti-imperialist revolution" which they expect inevitably to sweep Latin America. Castro himself most recently emphasized this line, in stronger terms than he has used in the past, in his public address of 16 January. These statements probably presage a stepped-up Cuban effort to subvert other Latin American governments. The Cuban official statements are emphatic in rejecting the thesis that the ~~Marxist~~ "socialist revolution" can be achieved in any way other than through violence, and in this sense are closer to statements now emanating from Peiping than to the line coming out of Moscow.

Cuban subversive efforts in Latin America, which have been underway for some years, fall generally into three categories: (1) The indoctrination and training in guerrilla warfare tactics of a large number of individuals from other Latin American countries. It is estimated that there were at least 1,000 and perhaps as many as 1,500 Latin Americans in Cuba last year undergoing training of this type; (2) The intensive propaganda beamed at Latin America by Cuban radio stations and circulated through printed material, much of it openly inciting to insurrection; (3) the covert material support given by Cuba to subversive groups in other countries.

There are strong indications that, at present, the Venezuelan government is the chief Cuban target for subversion.